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## 7 TIPS FOR ARTFULLY MISMATCHING YOUR DINING CHAIRS

*Designers share their tips for mixing and matching seats around the dining table.*

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A variety of chairs surround the table in this [Los Angeles dining room designed by Deirdre Doherty](#). Photo by Meghan Beierle O'Brien

Too big? Too small? Yes, please! Interior designers have thrown out the convention of matchy-matchy [dining chairs](#) in favor of an aesthetic where anything goes. For the bold and daring, adding a sculptural seat or a throne-



# Create a Collected Effect



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Windsor Smith infuses a breezy and lived-in sensibility into her work. For her own eat-in kitchen in Los Angeles, Smith used "a variety of seating options, because it feels collected over time." She surrounded the 18th-century Irish table with a velvet settee and antique chairs from Europe that have a caramelized, aged-oak patina. Covers were added to some of the chairs for practical reasons, Smith explains, "the seats became worn, and covers were needed to extend their life."